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President's Message

MRA members we started this year with a new commitment to continue the positive footing that MRA has enjoyed. The board of directors has planned several activities for the this year that we feel you the membership will enjoy and have fun doing.

On February 28th we returned to the Outdoor show at the Bayside Expo to promote MRA and the sport of shooting. Again this year we will host the Smith & Wesson day in May. If you have not had the opportunity to attend you have missed a day of exiting shooting and a chance to try the many handguns available. A new addition to the agenda this year is a flea market scheduled for May 5th.

The fundamental objective of our charter is to promote the shooting sports. We have had the foresight to construct new ranges, which we had the pleasure of being mentioned in the GOAL newsletter, we had the foresight to begin and maintain pin and plate matches. We had our first PPC match last month. All these and our continued support of the trap shooters and our rifle and pistol teams bring all the resources together so we can all enjoy MRA. Anyone having any ideas they would like to share come forward and let us know.

So far this year the spending is down due to the good work of the treasurer and the finance committee. Range repairs have dropped. The range rules have been modified by the range committee to improve shooting and help promote more safety on the ranges. As always safety is our primary objective to prevent any possibility of accident.

A special thanks to all of you for a great job done in the Loeb range. The new timber looks excellent. Keep up the good work.

Best wishes and hope for a speedy recovery to Werner Eckstein from all us at MRA. The pistol team needs you bad.

Important note on the range rules:

The new range rules effected the number of rounds only in the Loeb (indoor) and Pope (50 yd outdoor) ranges. The number of rounds in the Trap and the 100/200 yd ranges stays as one round only. Please read the rules carefully and if any question ask a range officer.

A note to our readers:

Help us improve this newsletter by your comments and articles. Any idea of public interest is welcome for publication in the BULL.

A Sad Note:

We learned that Life member James E. Gould Sr. passed away on December 25th in Florida. Jim joined MRA in 1960. For many years Jim was active in the club affairs and held several positions including the Director and Instructor of the Junior Division. Jim will be missed by his friends in MRA. Our deepest sympathy goes to Jim's family.

DCM Notes

Latest scuttlebutt on DCM is that within two years club will be required to pay the "fair market value" or the "cost to the Government" for the materials provided by the DCM. Interpretations differ and that is by a vote of Congress which with good political interest could be changed to once again fund the program.

MRA will continue to run the annual qualification programs and give the junior division the majority of the available support.

Watch the bulletin board for Scheduling of qualification matches or contact George Marshal.

Highpower Rifle

New England Highpower League schedule will be posted soon. Early dates for National Match Course matches are April 27/28 at Chicopee, May 11/12 at Chicopee, and May 18/19 at Framingham. Contact George Marshall for more information.

Up Coming Events

Action Shooting Events:

Pin Shooting: April 8th and 22nd, sign up at 6:00 pm.

Plate match: April 15th, sign up at 6:00 pm.

Practical Pistol Match (PPC): April 20th, sign up at 9:30 am.

Watch the bulletin boards for more details.

Assault Rifle Match.

April 20/21, 1991

A new and exciting match is being added to the MRA events. The match consists of; any center fire rifle (.22 to .32 calibers), open or iron sights, 25 yd silhouette targets, three shooting positions.

Please read the bulletin board for match rules, time and more information. Contact George Marshall for more details.

Muzzle loading and black powder rifle and pistol match.

Sunday, 28 April 1991. 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Open to all MRA members.

Any black powder rifle, pistol and revolver.

Open or iron sights.

Events include:

1. Musket and rifle, 50 yards, Offhand, 10-shots.
2. Pistol, 25 yards, 10 shots.
3. Pistol, 10 yards, 10 shots.
4. Woodchuck, 50 yards, 3 shots.

Relays will be 20 minutes with a 10 minute break for setting up and retrieving targets. Shooter may occupy a position as long as he desires unless other shooters are waiting.

Winners will be posted, trophies are available at the option of the first place winner at an additional cost.

\$3.00 entry fee, unlimited reentry.

All MRA safety rules apply.

1st MRA gun show and swap meet is going to be held on May 5, 1991. There are going to be many dealers and hopefully a lot of good deals. Come down and support this event by lending a hand.
For more information contact Mike Dalelio.

Smith & Wesson Day.

Saturday, 18 May 1991. The Smith & Wesson will hold their annual open house day at MRA. Many guns on display and you get to try your favorite caliber. Also present will be some of the S & W team members for display of outstanding shooting.
